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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. On 22 January 1954, the Heeresnachrichten Schule, Koenigsbrueck, was occupied by about 700 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. Tanks entering the installation from the direction of Bohra included T-34/85 tanks on 12 January; 2 JS-1 tanks and 7 T-34/85 tanks and 2 JS-1 tanks and 1 salvage tank, on 20 January.

2. On 22 January, Altes Lager was occupied by about 80 to 100 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport and tank insignia.

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3. On 22 January, Neues Lager was occupied by about 2,000 to 2,300 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. One Artillery Lieutenant Kastenkov (phonetical spelling) (fnu) in the camp. On 28 December 1953, a conference which involved a general from Dresden was held in the headquarters building of the tank unit; and on 29 and 30 December, conferences were held in the headquarters building of the artillery unit. The latter meetings were attended by 2 generals, who arrived with 3 sedans. On 20 January, JS-1 tank entered the camp and, on 22 January, JS-1 tank left the installation toward Bohra.

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4. Between 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. on 12 January, 15 trucks 3 x 122-mm field howitzers and 2 x 57-mm AT guns were entrained at the Koenigsbrueck-west railroad station. At about 5 p.m. on 12 January, 6 trucks, including towing 4 x 120-mm mortars and occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, were seen in Koenigsbrueck, proceeding toward Dresden.

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1. Comment. The 44th Gds Tank Regt of the 11th Gds Tank Div is confirmed in the Heeresnachrichten Schule (1521) until mid-January 1954. Tank belongs to the 21st Gds Mecc Regt of the 8th Gds Mecc Div. Units of this division were stationed at Koenigsbrueck for firing practices in mid-January.
2. Comment. The artillery unit mentioned may be the unidentified AT Arty Brig of the First Gds Mecc Army or the 4th Gds AAA Div. the sedan of the generals belongs to the Hq IV Arty Corps. A tank regiment of the 11th Gds Tank Div has been carried in Neues Lager since the fall of 1953 and, for the first time, is

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confirmed there by the present information.

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the unit may be the 40th Gds Tank Regt from Dresden (1302), rather than the 45th Gds Tank Regt from Meissen.

3. Comment. The shipment on 12 January was presumably bound for Eilenburg. The mortar unit, presumably of the 11th Gds Tank Div, is rather safely believed to have also returned from firing practices.

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